

**17-18 FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 8

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF THE TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND TULARE LAKE BASIN

BOARD ACTION:

Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the 2021 Triennial Review Workplan

BACKGROUND:

The Triennial Review process set forth in the Federal Clean Water Act and California Water Code requires that regional water boards conduct public hearings to help them identify and prioritize problems concerning the effectiveness of a water quality control plan. It also requires that the regional water boards develop a work plan to investigate the problems and make appropriate amendments to the water quality control plan. This item concerns the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region's (Central Valley Water Board) obligatory review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) and approval of the work plan proposed by staff.

The Central Valley Water Board held a 45-day public comment period between 24 March 2021 and 10 May 2021 to receive comments on issues to be included in the Triennial Review work plan. Central Valley Water Board staff developed a draft list of projects and prioritized them in accordance with the prioritization process first introduced in the 2018 Triennial Review.

Staff considered all comments and developed a work plan prioritizing projects the Central Valley Water Board should focus on over the next three-year period. Resources for this planning effort are limited, so the work plan identifies what can be expected with existing resources. The draft work plan was made available for additional comments with the release of the Notice of Public Hearing on 2 December 2021. The comment period for the work plan ended 6 January 2021. Responses to written comments and any changes to the draft work plan will be provided to the Board and the public approximately one week before the February Board meeting.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will consider adoption of a resolution to:

- Adopt the proposed work plan which identifies and ranks which water quality projects need to be addressed and in what priority resources will be allocated to address these issues and develop basin plan amendments,
- Reaffirm that the Basin Plan is adequate in all areas where an issue for investigation has not been identified,
- Declare that the Basin Plan in its entirety shall remain in effect except when a specific portion of it is subsequently amended through implementation of the work plan.

ISSUES:

No known outstanding issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed Resolution.

REVIEWS:

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| Management Review: | MDH |
| Legal Review: | JMJ |

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Internet Zoom Meeting